

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page [0029], with the following paragraph:

[0029] The change in data rate is initiated by sending a control signal from the gatekeeper 7 to at least one controller 20 of the respective radiotelephones 4 instructing the radiotelephones 4 to operate in either full speech rate or half speech rate. The moving of two half speech rate channels to a single timeslot is initiated by instructing the IMC 6 to control the hand-over.